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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Naoto OJIMA, et al.**

Attention: **Applications Division**

Serial Number: **10/589,746**

Group Art Unit: **Not Yet Assigned**

Filed: **April 18, 2007**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 9503

For: **NICOTINE-REDUCING AGENT AND NICOTINE REDUCTION METHOD**

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT and NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE
OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495**

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: October 29, 2007

Sir:

Please supply the undersigned attorney with a corrected filing receipt for the above-identified application. The undersigned also respectfully requests that the Patent and Trademark Office records be amended to reflect the correction.

In reviewing the official Filing Receipt, we noted errors in that the **371(c) date**, the name **of the second inventor** and the **application number of the second foreign application** is incorrect. A copy of the **postcard receipt dated April 18, 2007**, the **Response to Notification of Missing Requirements dated April 18, 2007** and the **declaration** is enclosed which indicates the correct information. We are enclosing a copy of the filing receipt with the corrections highlighted.

In reviewing the official Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 35 CFR 1.495, we noted errors in that **relevant dates** and **dates of receipt of two papers** are incorrect. A copy of the **postcard receipt dated April 18, 2007** and the **Response to Notification of Missing Requirements dated April 18, 2007** is enclosed which indicates the correct information. We are enclosing a copy of the Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 35 CFR 1.495 with the corrections highlighted.

In the event that any fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge our
Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Enclosures:
- (1) Official Filing Receipt
 - (2) Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495
 - (3) Postcard dated April 18, 2007
 - (4) Response to Notification of Missing Requirements dated April 18, 2007
 - (5) Declaration
 - (6) Requested changes page submitted October 26, 2007



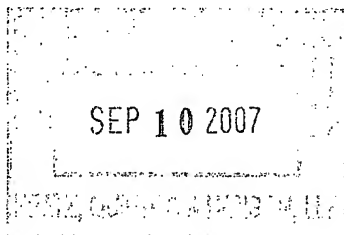
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FILING RECEIPT



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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP05/02649 02/18/2005

Foreign Applications

JAPAN 2004-043610 02/19/2004
 JAPAN ~~2004-135448~~ 04/30/2004

2004-136448

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 08/30/2007

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/589,746**

Projected Publication Date: 12/06/2007

Non-Publication Request: No

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Early Publication Request: No

Title

Nicotine-Reducing Agent And Nicotine Reducing Method

Preliminary Class

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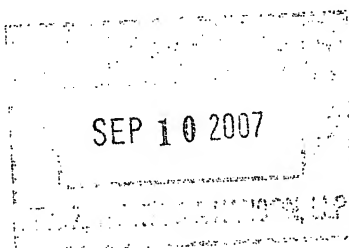


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PCT/JP05/02649	
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 371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

04/30/2007 <i>05/18/2007</i> DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	04/30/2007 <i>05/18/2007</i> DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS
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A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 08/17/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on ~~04/30/2007~~ *05/18/2007*
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 08/17/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/17/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on ~~04/30/2007~~ *05/18/2007*
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 08/17/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 08/17/2006
- Specification filed on 08/17/2006
- Claims filed on 08/17/2006
- Abstracts filed on 08/17/2006

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)

CARD NO: 24942

U.S. Patent Application Docket No: 060622
Serial No: 10/589,746 Filed: 08/17/06
Patent Number: Issued:
Applicant(s): OJIMA, Naoto, et al.

Papers filed herewith on: 04/18/07



**Other: Response to Notification of Missing Requirements,
Declaration, Notification, the verified English translation of
the Application, Drawings, 3 sheets (Figures 1-8) and
statement of verified translation.**

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated
in connection with the above-identified case.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **OJIMA, Naoto, et al.**

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Serial No.: **10/589,746**

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Filed: **August 17, 2006**

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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April 18, 2007

Dear Sir:

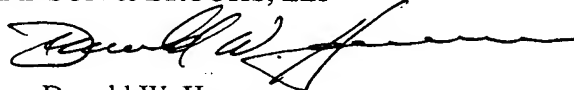
In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements of Application dated **April 5, 2007**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and the verified English translation of the application, drawings, 3 sheets (Figures 1-8) and statement of verified translation for the above-identified patent application.

Please note that the surcharge fee of **\$130.00** for filing the late Declaration was paid at the initial filing. The fees enclosed at initial filing on **August 17, 2006** were **\$1,160.00** (\$300.00 for basic filing fees, \$400.00 for the search fee, \$200.00 for the examination fee, \$130.00 for the verified English translation of the application, drawings, 3 sheets (Figures 1-8) and statement of verified translation and \$130.00 for filing the late Declaration). In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Notification; Declaration; the verified English translation of the application, drawings, 3 sheets (Figures 1-8) and statement of verified translation.

DECLARATION FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

NICOTINE-REDUCING AGENT AND NICOTINE REDUCTION METHOD

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked

☒ was filed on February 18, 2005 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number PCT/JP2005/002649 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) – (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

(List prior foreign applications. See note A)

2004-43610
(Number)

Japan
(Country)

19/02/2004
(Day/Month/Year Filed)

☒ Yes ☐ No

2004-136448
(Number)

Japan
(Country)

30/04/2004
(Day/Month/Year Filed)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

(See note B)

☐ See attached list for additional prior foreign applications

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

(List prior U.S. Applications)

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By appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith:

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(See note C)

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Publication Review - Review corrections prior to submission

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Requested Changes

Description: Please correct the filing or 371(c) date: to read as - - April 18, 2007--.

Location: Please see the Response to Notification of Missing Requiriements along with Declaration, as filed in the USPTO on April 18, 2007. and which has been Scanned into Private Pair.

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